



**MICHIGAN**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
P.O. Box 30014  
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909-7514

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, April 15, 2015                      10:30 a.m.                      Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Jeff Farrington.

Members present: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, March 25, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 4173:

HB 4173    (Maturen)	Taxation; state real estate transfer; refunds and exemptions of real estate transfer tax; modify.
----------------------	---

Bill Westrin, representing the Michigan Realtors, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4173, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted testimony cards in opposition to HB 4173, but did not wish to speak:

Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency.

Bob Kefgen, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

Don Olendorf, representing the ESA Legislative Group.

Lisa Hansknecht, representing Oakland Schools.

Gerald Peregord, representing the School Equity Caucus.

David Zuhlke, representing the Middle Cities Education Association.

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Representative Maturen moved to report HB 4173, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-1.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: Representative LaVoy.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 4064:

HB 4064 (Yanez)	Individual income tax; veterans; property tax credit; increase for certain qualified veterans.
-----------------	--

Representative Somerville moved to report HB 4064, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The Chair laid before the committee HB 4333 and HB 4334:

HB 4333 (Chatfield)	Economic development; Michigan economic growth authority; new agreements and certain amendments to tax credit agreements; prohibit.
---------------------	---

HB 4334 (Glenn)	Michigan business tax; credits; limit modifications and amendments to existing agreements; provide for.
-----------------	---

Representatives Chatfield and Glenn introduced their bills to the committee.

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, testified in opposition to HB 4333 and HB 4334.

Jack McHugh, representing the Mackinac Center, testified in support of HB 4333 and HB 4334.

Tim Sowton, representing the Business Leaders for Michigan, testified with no position on HB 4333 and HB 4334.

Brian O'Connell, representing General Motors, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4333 and HB 4334, but did not wish to speak.

Charlie Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4333 and HB 4334, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:40 a.m.

---

Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

Kevin Gawronski  
Committee Clerk  
April 15, 2015  
1 hour 10 minutes

---

Date Approved and Signed